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Customer No. 22,852  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Toshiya KOTANI et al. )  
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Application No.: 09/748,227 )  
) Group Art Unit: 2625  
Filed: December 27, 2000 )  
) Examiner: Kanjibhai B. Patel  
For: MASK PATTERN CORRECTION )  
METHOD, MASK PATTERN )  
CREATION SYSTEM USING THE )  
CORRECTION METHOD, AND )  
COMPUTER-READABLE )  
RECORDING MEDIUM )

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**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the March 9, 2004 Office Action, the period for response having been extended to July 9, 2004, by a request for extension of one month and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment sections of this paper.